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1. SUMMARY: THE MAY 30 EC ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL FORMALLY
AUTHORIZED THE EC COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE USG ON APPLICATION OF THE TOXIC SUBSTANCES
CONTROL ACT TO COMMUNITY PRODUCTS. IN OTHER ACTIONS, THE
COUNCIL: APPROVED A RESOLUTION ON FLUOROCARBONS IN THE
ENVIRONMENT, CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION ON SULFUR DIOXIDE
AIR POLLUTION, AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE BROAD LINES OF
A RESOLUTION REGARDING AN EC ACTION PROGRAM ON MARINE
POLLUTION, AGREED ON A DIRECTIVE CONCERNING QUALITY RE-
QUIREMENTS FOR WATERS CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING FRESHWATER
FISH, AGREED ON A DIRECTIVE CONCERNING HARMONIZATION OF
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MEMBER STATE LAWS ON LEAD CONTENT OF GASOLINE, AND DIS-
CUSSED A PROPOSED DIRECTIVE ON BIRD CONSERVATION. END
SUMMARY.

2. TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT:

FOLLOWING A BRIEF DISCUSSION, THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE

PROPOSED MANDATE FOR THE COMMISSION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USG ON THE TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT. SEPTTEL DISCUSSES COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR LAUNCHING OF NEGOTIATIONS.

3. FLUOROCARBONS:

THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION ENDORSING COOPERATIVE STUDIES ON THE EFFECTS OF FLUOROCARBONS AND ACCELERATED EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PROPELLANTS IN AEROSOLS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE PROBLEMS OF THE EFFECTS OF FLUOROCARBONS ON THE OZONE LAYER AND OF ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION ON HEALTH CANNOT BE IGNORED. INsofar AS MEMBER STATES ARE CARRYING OUT RESEARCH ON THESE PROBLEMS NATIONALLY, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THEY SHOULD CO-OPERATE ON A COMMUNITY BASIS IN PLANNING THIS RESEARCH AND IN MAKING AVAILABLE AND INTERPRETING THE RESULTS. THE COMMUNITY OF COURSE RECOGNIZES THE OVERALL CO-ORDINATING ROLE OF UNEP (UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME) IN RELATION TO RESEARCH. IMMEDIATE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENCOURAGE ALL THE AEROSOL AND PLASTIC FOAM INDUSTRIES USING CHLOROFLOUROCARBONS F-11 (CCL3F) AND F-12 (CCL2F2) TO INTENSIFY RESEARCH INTO ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS AND TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF APPLICATION. IMMEDIATE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENCOURAGE THE MANU-
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FACTURERS AND USERS OF EQUIPMENT CONTAINING CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS F-11 AND F-12 TO ELIMINATE THE DISCHARGE OF THESE COMPOUNDS.

ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE INDUSTRY SITUATED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT INCREASE ITS PRODUCTION CAPACITY IN RESPECT OF CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS F-11 AND F-12.

IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1978 THE EFFECT OF FLUOROCARBONS ON THE ENVIRONMENT WILL BE RE-EXAMINED IN THE LIGHT OF THE INFORMATION THEN AVAILABLE WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT A COMMUNITY POLICY. END TEXT.

4. LEAD CONTENT OF GASOLINE:

THE COUNCIL AGREED TO A DIRECTIVE ON THE HARMONIZATION OF MEMBER STATE LAWS ON THE LEAD CONTENT OF GASOLINE, WHICH ESTABLISHES, AS OF JANUARY 1, 1981, A MAXIMUM PERMITTED LEAD COMPOUND CONTENT OF GASOLINE AT 0.40 GRAMS PER LITER. MEMBER STATES MAY SET LIMITS BELOW THIS LEVEL, BUT NOT LOWER THAN 0.15 GRAMS PER LITER. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO TWO DEROGATIONS FROM THE DIRECTIVE:

--IRELAND IS AUTHORIZED TO PLACE GASOLINE ON THE MARKET

WITH A LEAD CONTENT HIGHER THAN 0.40 GRAMS PER LITER, BUT
NOT HIGHER THAN THE CURRENT IRISH MAXIMUM OF 0.64 GRAMS PER
LITER, FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1981;
AND

--IN THE EVENT OF A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE SUPPLY OF CRUDE
OIL OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THE
MEMBER STATES TO APPLY THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY THE
DIRECTIVE, MEMBER STATES MAY DEROGATE FROM THE TERMS OF
THE DIRECTIVE UPON INFORMING THE COMMISSION.

5. THE DIRECTIVE FURTHER REQUIRES THE MEMBER STATES TO
SUPPLY THE COMMISSION WITH INFORMATION ON: DEVELOPMENT OF
SYSTEMS TO REDUCE THE EMISSION OF LEAD AND ANY POLLUTING
SUBSTITUTES IN EXHAUST GASES; CONCENTRATION LEVELS OF
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LEAD AND POLLUTING SUBSTITUTES IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF
EUROPEAN CITIES AND THEIR EFFECT ON PUBLIC HEALTH; AND THE
EFFECTS ON ENERGY POLICY OF THE VARIOUS POSSIBLE MEANS OF
REDUCING POLLUTION CAUSED BY LEAD EMISSION IN EXHAUST
GASES. THE COMMISSION IS TO REPORT ON THE DATA THUS COL-
LECTED AND PREPARE ANY ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS REGARDING THE
COMPOSITION OF GASOLINE WHICH MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE.

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6. SULFUR DIOXIDE AIR POLLUTION:

THE COUNCIL RESUMED ITS DISCUSSION OF LAST DECEMBER (REF A) CONCERNING POSSIBLE COMMUNITY MEASURES AGAINST AIR POLLUTION CAUSED BY SULFUR DIOXIDE AND SUSPENDED PARTICULATES. NO DECISIONS WERE TAKEN, AND THE FILE WAS RETURNED TO COREPER.

7. MARINE POLLUTION:

FOLLOWING UP ON THE APRIL EUROPEAN COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION OF MARINE POLLUTION (REFS B AND C), THE COUNCIL AGREED ON THE NEED FOR A COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION TO MEMBER STATE EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND CONTROL SUCH POLLUTION, PARTICULARLY BY OIL. IN THIS CONTEXT, THE COUNCIL:

--AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE BROAD LINES OF THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL FOR A COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM ON THE CONTROL AND REDUCTION OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY OIL SPILLS AT SEA (REFS D AND E);
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--INSTRUCTED THE COMMISSION TO SUBMIT PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON THE LEVEL OF COASTAL POLLUTION IN THE MEMBER STATES CAUSED BY ACCIDENTAL OIL SPILLS -- SUCH REPORTS TO INCLUDE MAPPING DOCUMENTATION ON ENDANGERED AREAS REQUIRING SPECIAL PROTECTION, AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKEN; AND
--INSTRUCTED COREPER TO CONTINUE EXAMINATION OF COMMISSION PROPOSALS FOR: (A) CONCLUSION OF THE PROTOCOL TO THE BARCELONA CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AGAINST POLLUTION, CONCERNING COOPERATION IN COMBATING POLLUTION BY OIL AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN CASES OF EMERGENCY; AND (B) NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO EC ACCESSION TO THE JUNE 1969 BONN AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH NORTH SEA OIL POLLUTION. COREPER IS TO SUBMIT THESE TWO PROPOSALS, ALONG WITH THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM ON OIL POLLUTION, TO THE JUNE 27 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

8. PERMREP OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THAT THOSE ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSED OIL POLLUTION ACTION PROGRAM WHICH DEAL WITH TRANSPORTATION SECTOR PROBLEMS (PRINCIPALLY CONCERNING POLLUTION, SAFETY AND NAVIGATION REGULATIONS FOR SHIPS) WILL BE STUDIED BY THE JUNE 12 TRANSPORT COUNCIL BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED AS PART OF AN OVERALL PACKAGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ON JUNE 27.

9. FRESHWATER FISH:

THE COUNCIL APPROVED A DIRECTIVE ON QUALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR WATERS CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING FRESHWATER FISH, SPECIFICALLY THE SALMONID AND CYPRINID SPECIES. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE DIRECTIVE, MEMBER STATES ARE TO DESIGNATE WATERS UNCLASSIFIED

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TO WHICH THE DIRECTIVE APPLIES AND FIX LIMITS FOR WATER TEMPERATURE, DISSOLVED OXYGEN, AND CONTENT OF AMMONIUM, PHOSPHORUS, NITRITES, CHLORINE, ZINC, AND COPPER. BASED UPON THESE STANDARDS, MEMBER STATES ARE TO DRAW UP PROGRAMS TO REDUCE POLLUTION OF DESIGNATION WATERS WITHIN GIVEN PERIODS.

10. BIRD CONSERVATION:

THE COUNCIL CONTINUED ITS DISCUSSION, BEGUN LAST DECEMBER (REF A) ON BIRD CONSERVATION, BUT WAS UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE RESTRICTING SPECIES WHICH MAY BE MARKETED AND HUNTED, ESTABLISHING A LIST OF BANNED METHODS OF HUNTING AND CAPTURE, AND PROVIDING SPECIAL PROTECTION FOR CERTAIN HABITATS. DISAGREEMENT CENTERED ON FRENCH OPPOSITION TO A COMPROMISE LIST OF BIRDS WHICH MAY BE MARKETED, WHICH HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE OTHER MEMBER STATES. THE COMMISSION AND THE EIGHT HAVE NOTIFIED THE FRENCH THAT, IF PARIS DOES NOT AGREE TO THE DIRECTIVE WITHIN THREE WEEKS, EACH MEMBER STATE WILL TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION IN THIS SECTOR. HINTON

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